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THE MINNETONKA CONFERENCE

The thirtieth annual conference of the A. L. A. will be held at Tonka Bay Hotel, Tonka Bay, Minnesota, during the week of June 26—July 3, 1908. This hotel is on the shores of Lake Minnetonka, 20 miles from Minneapolis, 30 from St Paul and directly connected with both cities by both steam cars and trolley, though the transportation facilities are much better from Minneapolis. The local committee has assured the Association of ample accommodations at the usual conference rates either directly in the hotel or in cottages immediately around it. All rooming will be done by the local committee and not by the hotel. It will be out of the question for those attending the meetings to lodge in St Paul; it will be possible but undesirable to lodge in Minneapolis, for even in the latter case it will mean spending at least two hours daily in going back and forth.

The program will be unusually full and attractive, for besides the usual meetings of sections and affiliated organizations both the Minnesota and Wisconsin state library associations are planning to hold their annual meetings during conference week. Few announcements can yet be made as to the program of the general sessions. It will include addresses by Mr Herbert Baillie of the Public Library of Wellington, New Zealand, who has been for some years a member of the A. L. A., and by President Cyrus Northrop of the University of Minnesota. Mr Lawrence J. Burpee of Ottawa, Canada, will contribute an historical paper on Canadian libraries of long ago. There will be two general discussions which promise much interest. One on Losses of books from open shelves will undoubtedly put upon the defensive the advocates of the open shelf system which has been the object of so much reactionary criticism within the past year or two, and another reviewing the important books of the year somewhat in the manner that made so interesting and profitable a session at Cleveland in 1896.

Additional details of program and local arrangements will appear in the Bulletin for March and May.

The Local Committee having charge of all arrangements for the conference is as follows: Chairman, J. T. Gerould; Clara F. Baldwin; Gratia Countryman, Minneapolis; Mrs H. J. McCaine, St Paul. This committee has already organized and appointed sub-committees on Finance, Rooming, Transportation, Entertainment, Reception and Advertising.

NOTES AND NEWS

Atlantic City meeting. The twelfth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania library club and the New Jersey library association will be held at Atlantic City, March 13-14, 1908. The headquarters will be at the Hotel Chelsea.

Executive officer. On January 1st Mr E. C. Hovey retires from the direction of the Executive offices of the Association. It was through Mr Hovey's personal efforts that the funds were secured 2 years ago which made permanent headquarters possible and upon their formal opening in September, 1906, he was placed in charge. Mr Hovey has given much time and energy to the establishing of a strong business policy for the Association, to the end that it might become self supporting and at the same time do more for its members than ever before. The Publishing board in particular has benefited greatly by his services.

Bills for annual dues. The bills for A. L. A. membership for 1908 have been mailed and should have reached every member before this number of the *Bulletin* is distributed. The membership list forms the mailing list for the *Bulletin* and prompt payment of dues is the best way to insure regular and unbroken receipt of its numbers. This is especially true of library members and the *A. L. A. Booklist*.

Index and title page. The title page and index for the first volume of the *Bulletin* are sent out with the present number.